

**Remarks**

By this Amendment, submitted under the provisions of 37 CFR § 116(b)(1), Applicant is canceling claims 2, 7, 9, 11 and 13. With the entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 6, 10 and 12 will be pending in this patent application.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 2, 7, 9, 11 and 13 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 5265872 (Tennent et al.) in view of US 6110056 (Yamamoto). This rejection has been obviated by the cancellation of claims 2, 7, 9, 11 and 13.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 10 and 12, the only claims remaining in this patent application, have been recognized as allowable by the Examiner.

In view of the amendments made herein, Applicant trusts that the Examiner will find that this patent application is in condition for allowance.

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